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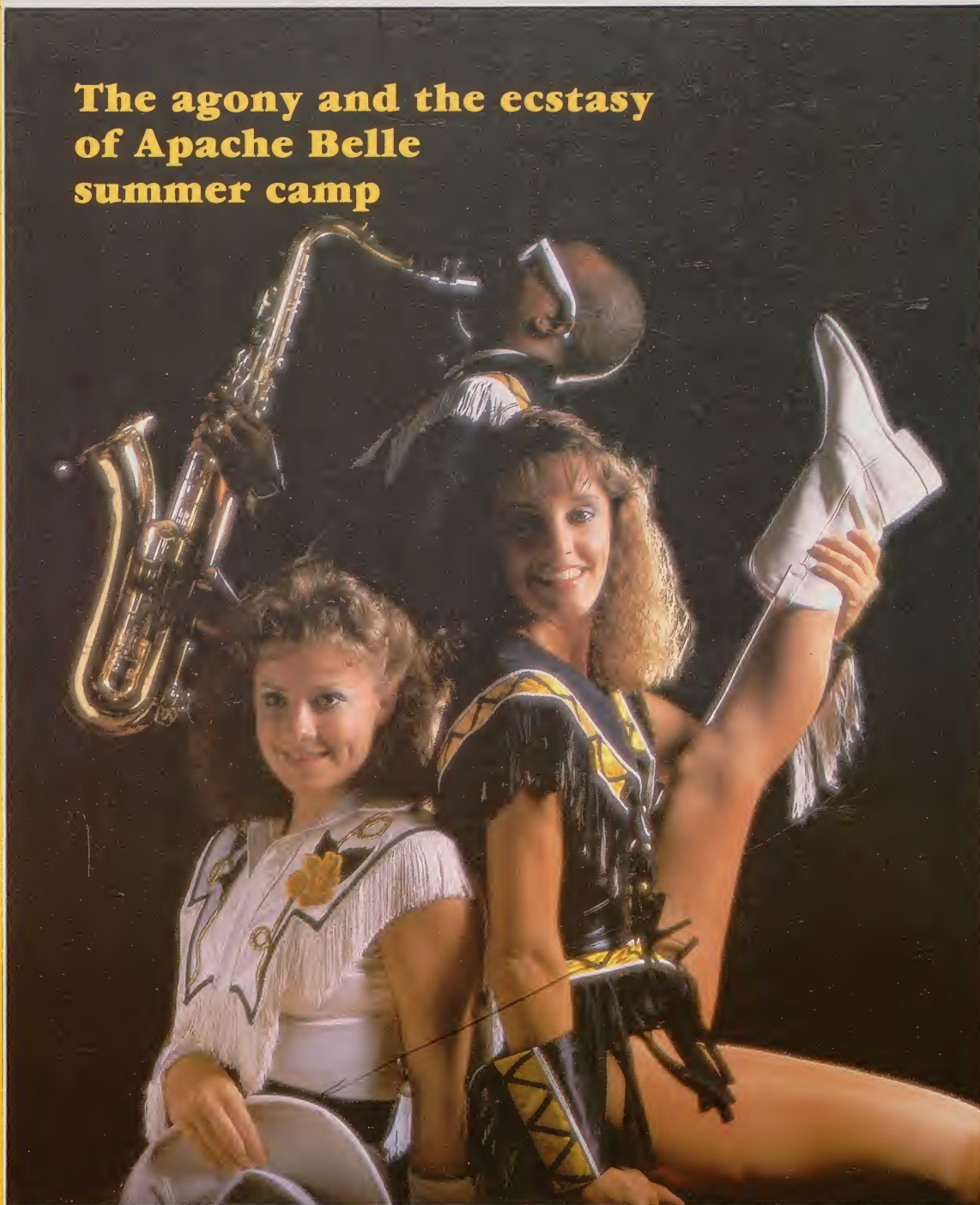
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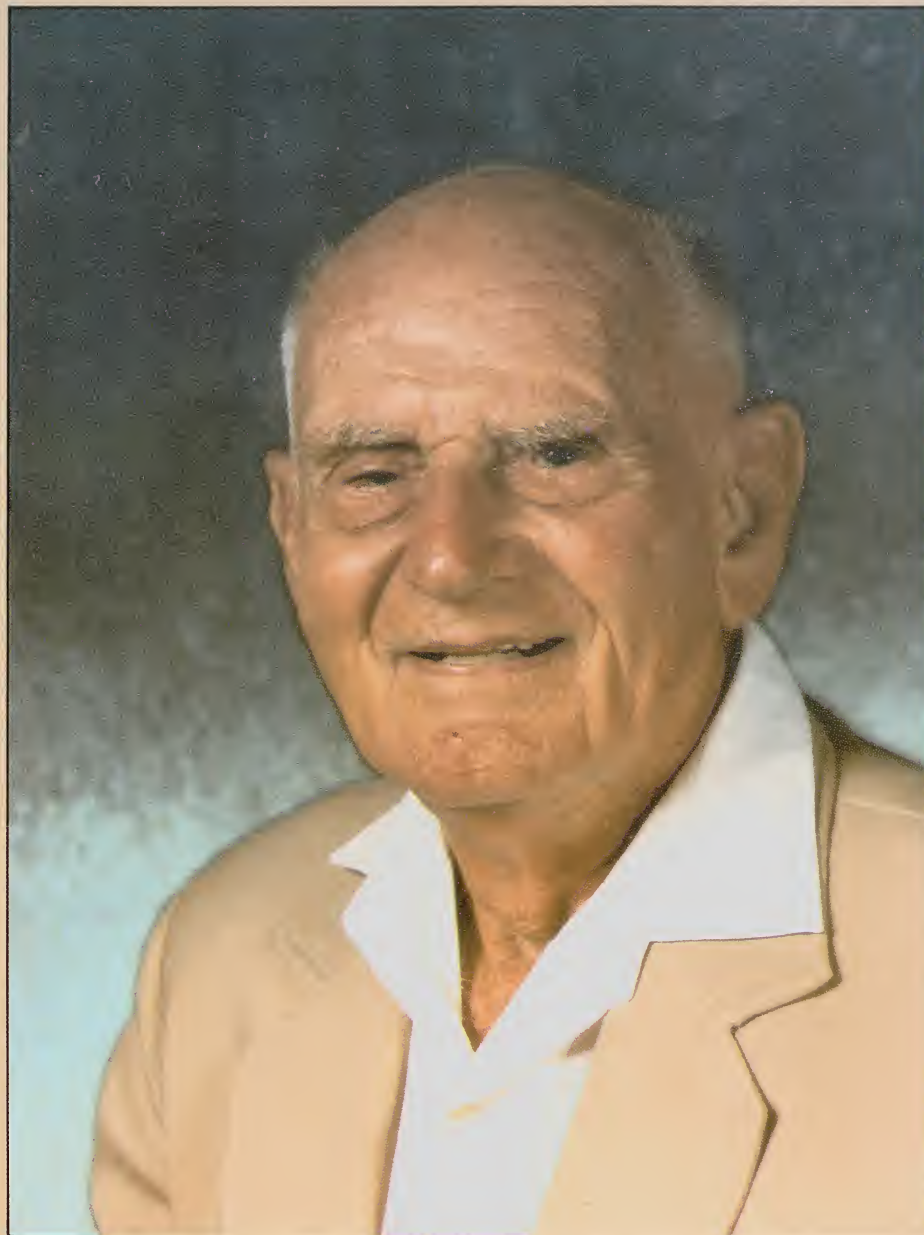
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Lasting Contributions

We begin the new College year with great anticipation because of the encouragement we have received on many fronts, but in particular, from individuals like St. Clair Luzzi. His spirit of giving causes us to examine how we should respond to life.

No one clearly hears, or even listens, or understands truth all the time. We find ourselves at different stages of readiness to accept and respond as we should. Mr. Luzzi causes us to think about the good that can come from giving. As an 83-year-old TJC student, he has determined that leaving a portion of his wealth, in the form of endowed scholarships, to Tyler Junior College will allow future generations of students to perpetuate his hunger for learning, and thus enrich the world. He clearly understands what it means to live with others in community.

Mr. Luzzi says there was a period of time when he was just not receptive and didn't listen. But through his eagerness to learn and by the helpfulness of various members of the College faculty and staff, he says, "I'm not so rigid as I once was — I want to absorb the truth and give it back in full measure." It is important to note that his interest in Tyler Junior College really began within the heart of our institution — in the classroom. Through a caring computer science instructor, Jamie Carter, Mr. Luzzi was not only inspired to learn, but also to share.



St. Clair Luzzi,
a man who knows the joy of sharing.

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COVER — The subject of the Apache Belles invariably comes up when Tyler Junior College is mentioned. They are very much part of tradition and have brought acclaim to the College for many years. Equally important is the Apache Band which is the support for the Belles. Last year, in conjunction with the College's 60th anniversary celebration, the Belles and the Band received new uniforms. Modeling the new uniforms are Noah Kuria, top, Andrea Carroll, left, and Stephanie Blissitte. See page 2 for a story about Belles' summer camp. Photo by Danny Garrett. Art direction by Josette Garrett.

The agony and the ecstasy of Apache Belle summer camp

It is day four of the 1986 Apache Belle tryout camp and six young women clad in black leotards are at midcourt in Wagstaff Gym practicing an intricate dance routine. Their disco accompaniment gives them their instructions — “dance, dance, dance.” And they do; arms joined at shoulder level, high kick left, high kick right, turn. The movements continue for some minutes. Again. Again. Again. One of the girls is tiring noticeably, her breath becoming shorter, her kicks progressively lower. Through it all she, like the other five girls, wears a broad smile. Finally, the routine is over. There is applause and vocal encouragement from a group of young women seated on the gym floor.

The exhausted girl slowly makes her way to the edge of the floor; it is a form of locomotion reminiscent of chain gang workers, shuffling forward, their ankles bound by leg irons. Once there, she lies prone, face down, and welcomes the oxygen with unabated appreciation. An onlooker calls to her from the stands: “Hey, you look a little tired.” Looking upward, she turns toward the voice and gives the offender a look cold enough to petrify a redwood forest. She is definitely *not* smiling.

During the span of 10 miserably hot days in late July, scenes like that one were common among the 68 freshmen who came to Tyler Junior College seeking the fulfillment of a dream: to be an Apache Belle, to be part of tradition — a tradition so closely bound with TJC that it has become almost impossible to think of the College without thinking of the organization. Some had their dream come true. For others, there was disappointment.

July 20, Sunday

At 6:25 p.m. the temperature outside is 102 degrees. Inside the gym the air conditioning unit is pumping cool air as steadily and as essentially as blood being pumped through a healthy heart.

At 6:30 p.m. Ruth Flynn, Apache Belle director/choreographer, stands before a semicircle of wide-eyed anxious young women. In her East Texas tinged accent, and in a pleasant conversational manner, she gives them the lowdown: there will be *no* dating during the camp, hair *must* be worn in a ponytail during the daily workouts (of which there will be three, at 8:30 a.m., at 1:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., each will last approximately

two and one-half hours), *no* makeup will be worn during workouts (after a couple of days, she says, “you won’t care how you look anyway.”), *no* phone conversations longer than 10 minutes. More information follows, ranging from parking regulations to dorm rules.

Josette is one of those anxious young women, seated on the floor, trying to absorb each new fact. Vibrant, gregarious, optimistic, she is Pollyanna come to life. She was undoubtedly one of the most popular girls in the history of tiny Shelbyville High School (there were 40 in her graduating class). Armed with auburn hair and a disarmingly genuine smile, she was homecoming queen, football sweetheart, Future Farmers of America sweetheart and head majorette her senior year. She is a devoted Christian, and when she says, “My main goal is to give God all the glory in my life,” you believe her.

Jackie is another prospective Belle. Like the others, she wears black. However, unlike the majority of the others, her skin is also black. A member of John Tyler’s drill team for three years, she says her mother and her five older sisters are very supportive of her desire to become a Belle, but her boyfriend is more reluc-



tant. "He never really told me why," she says, though she suspects jealousy may be the reason. She adds, "We've talked it over, and now he's agreed to it." Coquettish and endowed with a pair of large brown eyes, you get the feeling she is used to getting her way from the male of the species.

After the initial volley of information, the line is formed. The idea behind a chorus line, of course, is that it should appear to the audience to be a cohesive unit. This is achieved by placing the tallest girls in the center of the line. The line then tapers off until it reaches the two shortest girls on each end.

Flynn calls for each girl under 5 feet to stand and join her in front of the others. Four girls come to the front. She studies the four with the same eye for minute detail a diamond cutter employs, and then she makes a kind of mini chorus line. She separates the girls and sends them to opposite corners of the floor. She repeats the process for each height, 5 feet, 5-foot-1, 5-foot-2, 5-foot-3 . . . , until only two girls are left; both 5-foot-10. When the whole process is over, a line of slender young women stretches the entire length of the gym floor, from basket to basket. A number is then handed to each girl, No. 1 through No. 68. The number will be worn throughout the camp.

The petite Josette is No. 23. Jackie, 5-foot-6, is No. 48.

Next, the 20 returning sophomore Apache Belles are introduced to the freshmen and Flynn leads the group through a few simple dance steps. The girls then learn the TJC alma mater and fight song — and that's it. At 9:17 p.m., the first day of the camp is over.

July 22, Tuesday

As the evening workout of the third day begins, the temperature outside hovers near 100 degrees. But the last thing on the minds of the 68 freshmen is the weather outside. They are into their sixth workout in 36 hours. And despite the stretching which precedes each workout, many are experiencing muscle soreness. Bonnie Busey of Wichita Falls would say later, "I expected the hard work. What I didn't expect was the pain." Coupled with the physical strain is the emotional pressure each participant is under. Flynn has said she will take "40 to 45" new Belles. Fully one-third or more of those trying out will not make the squad.

At one point during the workout, Flynn, from atop a cafeteria table facing

the group, leads them in a new routine. Tall, blonde, 30ish, she demonstrates expertly as she moves on her platform.

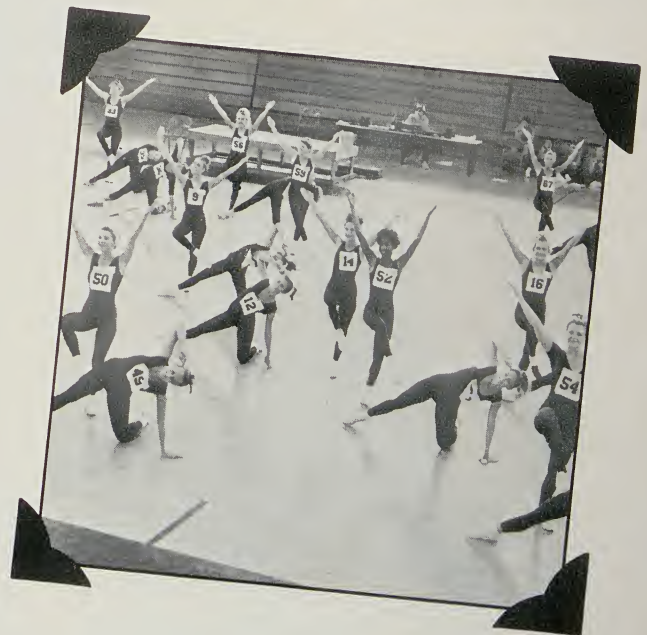
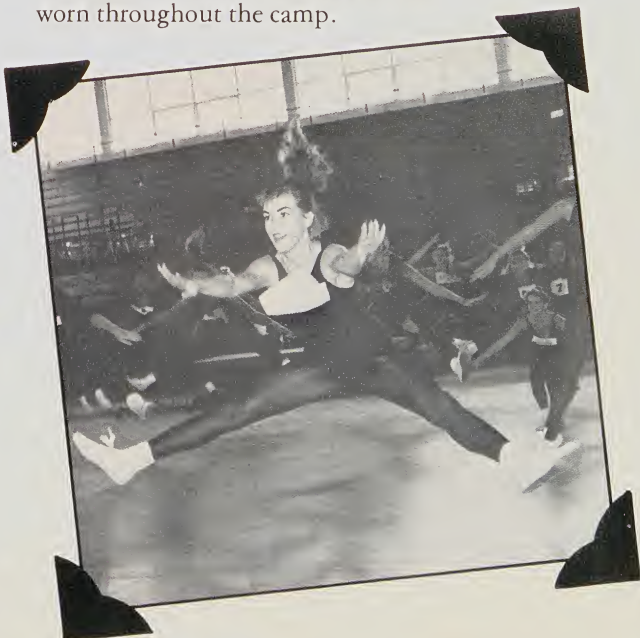
The group is aligned in four rows of 17. Josette is in row two. At times she seems to lose her rhythm and is turning in as most of the others are turning the opposite way, but she makes the adjustment and is back in the flow. Jackie, in row three, is right on the beat, making every turn, every spin, every kick.

During the rest break after the routine, Josette goes through the steps again, like a boxer swinging at shadows. Her face is the very image of concentration. Jackie does a few stretches, then sits; sleek, black, supple — a feline in repose.

After the workout, both girls are asked how they evaluate their chances of making the final squad.

"I think I have a pretty good chance," says Josette. "But I'm not going to jump to conclusions. I just want to keep my cool and do my best." She is just three days short of her 18th birthday, but with her hair in pigtails and without makeup she looks even younger.

Jackie is also confident. She says that her training as a member of John Tyler's Blue Brigade has prepared her well for



the tryout. "I really haven't learned anything that I didn't already know, and I'm trying to keep a good attitude about everything."

July 24, Thursday

This night offers a break in the now familiar daily routine. To begin with, the site of the evenings' activities has been changed. Instead of meeting at Wagstaff Gym, the group assembles at the Jean Browne Theatre. The reason is talent night. It's an opportunity for each girl to create her own dance routine accompanied by the music of her choice. It also gives everybody the chance to do two other things which had previously been prohibited: style their hair and wear makeup.

Ten minutes before the showcase is to start, some girls practice their routines on the theater stage. A few sit alone, seemingly oblivious to everything around them. Others sit in groups of three or four.

"Oh, if I mess up on my routine," says a voice in one of those groups, "I swear I'll just die." The statement is uttered with such an urgency that it goes beyond hyperbole. It is clear that its speaker, at least, believes it to be a possibility.

Each girl takes her turn on the stage, dancing her two minute routine as Flynn and the sophomore Belles look on. Though some of the girls are obviously better dancers than others, the routines themselves are very similar: it is as though everyone has gone to the Michael Jackson School of Dance. Even the choice of music is much the same (Kenny Loggins' *Danger Zone* is most popular, followed closely by any song by Prince). However, several performances do stand out: an imaginative routine done to the infectious tune of Liza Minelli's *New York, New York* and a western style tap dance done to the rhythms of a Charlie Daniels' hit.

But the most memorable routine is one which will be forever unfinished. A girl in mid-performance of what, until now has been a routine like so many others, simply stops. Perhaps she has made some minor mistake which only she knows. But to her it is a catastrophe. She takes a timid look at her audience, then crying, with her face in her hands, she flees the stage. There is a moment of

puzzlement among the others. Her music continues to the accompaniment of no one. After a few seconds, another takes the stage.

For their parts, Jackie and Josette present slightly contrasting performances, not in style, but in deliverance. Afterward, Jackie would admit to feeling some nervousness. And it showed, as she gave a surprising stiff performance to Janet Jackson's suggestive *Nasty Girls*.

Josette, on the other hand, gives a solid energetic performance to the ubiquitous *Danger Zone*. She is not a natural dancer, but through the sheer zest of her personality, she manages to create an aura of joy as she moves enthusiastically on the stage.

July 28, Monday

In two days the choice will be made; and perhaps sensing that their chances of making the final squad are slim or experiencing some disillusionment with the camps regimentation, 12 girls do not come back from the weekend.

Jackie and Josette are back. Though neither is glad to see others drop out, they readily recognize that their own chances are improved because of the absences.

The best part of the weekend, says Jackie, who had strained a thigh muscle on Friday, was "getting a chance to sleep. I slept until 12 o'clock on Saturday," she says with an embarrassed smile.

The now 18-year-old Josette spent her birthday weekend, which included softball games, with her parents and her boyfriend.

During the afternoon workout Flynn explains the process for the final day of judging on Wednesday. Beginning that morning, each girl is to perform two identical routines, a jazz routine and a kick routine. Flynn, the sophomore Belles and a judge from outside the organization will observe and make the final decisions. The announcement of 1986's new Apache Belles will be made later that day.

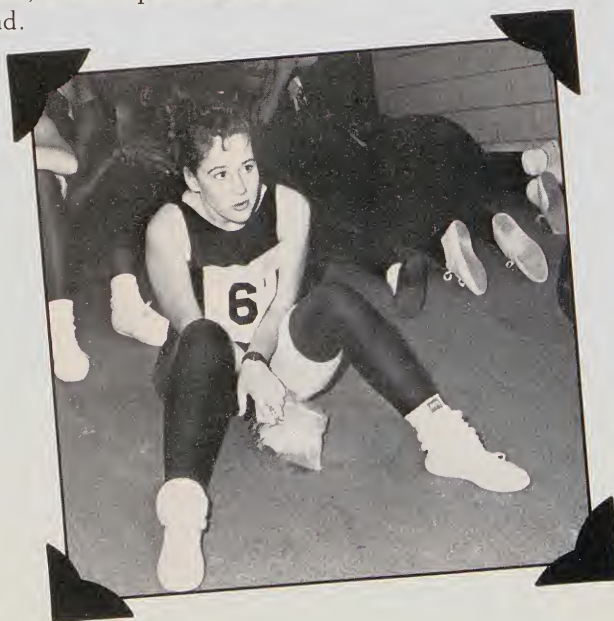
With the afternoon workout completed, both girls are asked what if the unthinkable happens, and they don't become Belles?

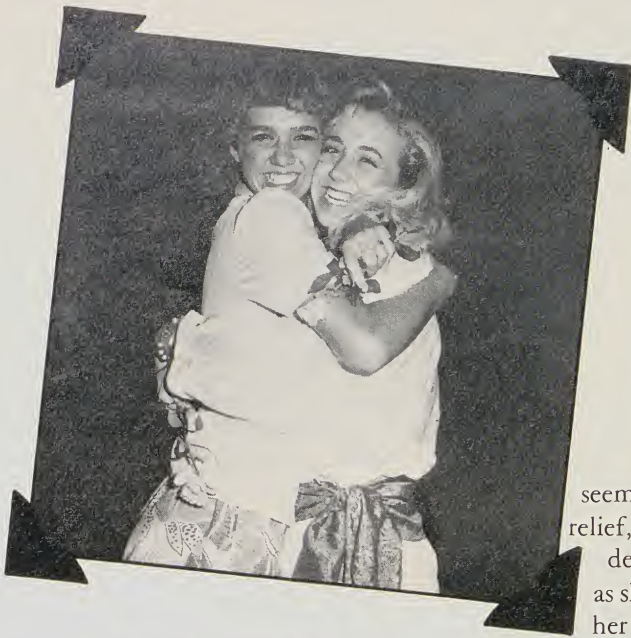
"Of course, I would be disappointed," says Josette. "But it wouldn't be the end of the world." She says she will still attend TJC and study drama with the help of a scholarship she has won.

Jackie, however, says that her main reason for attending TJC is to become a Belle. And that if she is not chosen she will not go to TJC this fall. She instead will attend the Bauder Fashion College in Arlington and get an early start on her dream of becoming a fashion designer.

July 30, Wednesday

It's 2 p.m., and as friends and family of the prospective Belles wait outside for news from their loved ones, they gather under trees to escape the unrelenting sun. But its long fingers slip through their shelter and touch them anyway.





seems to experience shock, relief, acceptance and subtle delirium. She squeals as she is hugged by one of her compatriots, and they

Freed of their ever present black leotard, the girls file into the gym wearing street clothes. Some are wearing T-shirts and shorts and others wear light summer dresses. Each, however, still wears the number given them on that first evening. Many of the girls have vaguely pensive expressions on their faces, but overall, there is a pervading feeling of relief as if the very worse is behind them.

When all the participants are assembled, Flynn speaks. The upshot of her speech is that even though each girl cannot be a Belle, the effort each has given has been equally appreciated. Then each girl is presented with a single rose.

When the short ceremony is completed, the 1986 freshman Apache Belles are announced. Flynn randomly calls out the numbers of those chosen: No. 40 . . . No. 67 . . . No. 3 . . . " As each number is called, there are the unmistakable sounds of joy, like the sounds one might hear at an elementary school's recess. Several piercing screams are emitted, tears of jubilation flow like tap water, and someone does an impromptu jig. Another yells at the top of her voice, "We did it! We did it!"

The numbers and the reactions rattle on, and Jackie and Josette, along with the other girls whose numbers have yet to be called, hold their breath. In the next few seconds they will all experience elation or sudden despair.

Finally, Flynn calls out "No. 48," Jackie's number. In quick succession she

engage in a thirty second embrace.

Flynn continues to clip off the numbers in measured rhythm like shots from a marksman's rifle, until . . . "And the last number," she says, "is No. 43."

Josette's number is 23. For a moment she is lost in that crush of giggling, weeping femininity. Then she emerges drifting away from the crowd, toward the door. An acquaintance calls to her, but she does not respond. He calls again, and she turns. With tears gathering in the corners of those incredibly innocent eyes, she looks like a lost child.

An hour later Jackie is still cloud-walking, though the initial rush has been replaced by a delicate afterglow. She admits the whole experience has been an emotional roller coaster.

"There were times when I thought I had it made, and there were other times

when I wasn't so sure," she says. "And today, when she (Flynn) said that everybody couldn't make it, I got a little scared. But all the work was worth it."

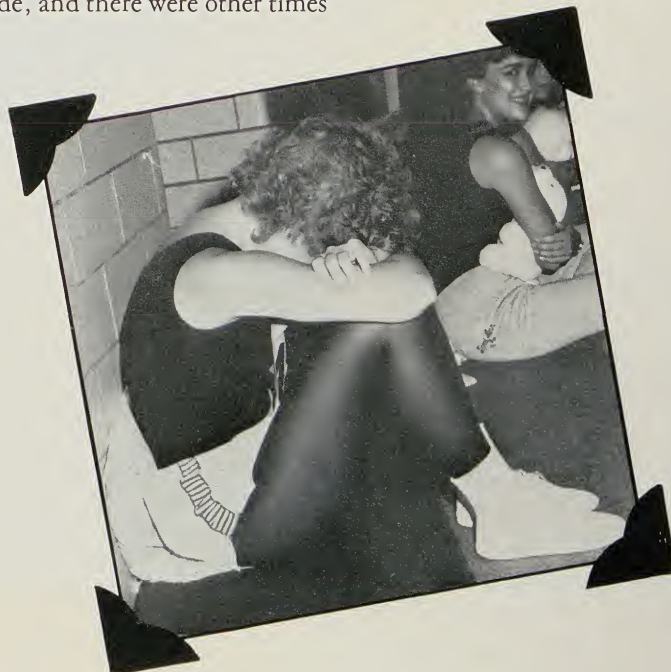
When asked what she had learned in the last 10 days, she answers, "I have learned that I have the ability to do or be anything I want to be."

Removed from one of the biggest disappointments of her young life by the unabating movements of the clock's hand, Josette is philosophical. "It just wasn't God's will. I guess he has something else planned for me," she says with a slight trace of sorrow in her voice. "All along I've been trying to do my best. And I've said 'if my best isn't good enough, I shouldn't make it.' Evidently, it wasn't."

But ever the optimist, she finds a bright side. "I met a lot of nice people. And I'm happy for the girls that did make it because I know they worked just as hard as I did."

The camp is over, and most of the 68 freshmen who were so wide-eyed and anxious on that first sweltering Sunday have achieved their dream: they are Apache Belles, they will be a part of the parades and the halftime shows.

But just as important as those lucky girls are the ones who tried and are disappointed in their dream. And who's to say which is the luckier? Because sometimes, the only thing better than having a dream come true, is having the dream.



For whom the Belles toil

Mother, friend, counselor and drill sergeant are just a few of the hats Apache Belles director/choreographer Ruth Flynn wears as part of her daily routine.

"Full of life" is the best way to describe this energetic, demanding and motivated leader. A young, curly haired, casually dressed woman, Flynn has so much stamina the Belles have trouble keeping up with their instructor's pace.

Flynn says she thinks the reason she has been so successful with the precision dance team is that "I enjoy this job, this type of work, this age group. I think this is my purpose in life. This is what God told me to do. He gave me the talent to teach and create good dance movements."

Flynn was a twirler at Arp High School and a Rangerette at Kilgore College. After receiving her bachelor's degree in physical education from North Texas State University she served as choreographer for the Rangerettes and worked with area drill team camps. In May 1983 she came to TJC.

Although she had had no formal training in dance before attending college, it was something that came natural — an "obsession."

She attributes much of her ability to fellow trainers, especially Rangerette director Deanna Bolton who gave her a chance to "showcase my talents."

At TJC, Flynn began to set goals and develop a picture of how she felt the Belles could progress. She wanted them to become a precision team, to dance in unison, "almost as one."

Bringing her special style to the group, Flynn has increased the size of the organization and changed their look. Last year, in conjunction with the College's 60th anniversary, the Belles received new uniforms which she helped design.

She maintains a quality team by choosing only qualified young women who are willing to dedicate time, effort and work into outstanding performances. Flynn will not sacrifice quality for numbers.

"I can holler and scream, but it's that special fire inside that makes them want to be the best."

She says it's mentally, physically and emotionally draining to put all of oneself into being a Belle, but she believes they emerge stronger and often can embark upon their lives with the attitude that they can "tackle anything."

Also as a result of the rough times and the hard work, she says the team be-

comes a close knit family because they have had to depend on one another and are protective of each other.

"I ask them to be ladies and represent the organization with good judgement.

"It's always a thrill to see something you've created being performed and get that applause. That's my grade, my stamp of approval."



by Chante' Mazy



Vaughn Library special collections contain exotic treasures and a wealth of information.

Largest and one of the most used is the Texas collection. Though a few old and rare items are displayed in a case on the rear wall, most of this material is easily accessible on open shelves on the second floor. Among "the few rare things that were early acquisitions and gifts" are first editions of *The Life of Stephen F. Austin* by Eugene Barker, *Six Decades in Texas*; Governor Francis Lubbock's memoirs, an 1817 House of Representatives journal and an original land grant signed by Sam Houston.

Library reference assistant Mary Jane McNamara credits the late Dr. Harry E. Jenkins with beginning the Texas collection. "Remember he was a history teacher originally and, though he was not a native Texan, he was interested in original and important materials. Many of the old, good things have his name in them."

This collection has been built through librarians' efforts over many years. "Most of what we buy, we buy not for rarity, but for circulation, for use. Sometimes we don't buy something that would have to be kept in a case, but use the money instead for something that would be used by more people," McNamara explains.

Over the last 15 years, many new presses have been established in Texas, McNamara says, and they are producing wonderful materials on the State and region. "Even if you started now, with sufficient funds, you could build a pretty



Cruising the isles for treasures untold

by Linda Zeigler

good collection, but older collections like ours contain out-of-print materials that are no longer available unless some specialty publisher reprints them."

In open stacks are *Vernon's Texas Statutes* since 1948 and *West's Texas Statutes and Codes* since 1975.

In addition to these and other materials on Texas law, the shelves contain extensive material on oil and lumber industries, education and Texas flora because of the College's strong botany and horticulture programs.

"And we have a lot of material that is more fun than just informative — artists, architects, things to see, travel, local and county histories," McNamara explains. "Nothing pleases me more than to come over here and find a table covered with books where someone has been using this material to read about his town or county or about a favorite Texan. Then I know the books are being used."

Though it is neither so large nor so popular as the Texas section, the Indian collection contains probably the most rare and valuable materials in the Library.

A gift of a Dallas physician and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, the collection includes art, artifacts, books and bound periodicals.

Edward Curtis, an outstanding American photographer of the early 20th Century, spent much of his life documenting North American Indians. All 20 volumes of *The North American Indian*, Curtis's research from 1907-27, are in a case on the main floor. Twelve are originals bound in calfskin and the first, from 1907, is autographed by then-president Theodore Roosevelt who encouraged Curtis and helped obtain support for his work. The remaining eight hefty volumes are rare reprints.

Smith, who became interested in Indians through his work as a scout leader when his children were young, also gave the Library a complete set of *Bureau of Ethnology* reports beginning in 1879.

"Few places have complete collections of these works," McNamara says.

It is believed Smith chose TJC to house his collection because of its Apache mascot tradition. The first Curtis volume begins with that tribe and continues for 20 weighty volumes — the most extensive record of North American

Indians in print. This set is one of only 250 originally published.

Colorful paintings by Indian artists on the back wall and artifacts including rugs, baskets and pottery displayed elsewhere in the Library are part of the Smiths' gift.

Well-known are African game trophies given to TJC by Tyler consulting engineer Robert Phillips. A popular area at the northeast corner of the main floor, the African Room also contains the most used special collections — four shelf units of health science books and periodicals.

Here volumes on dental hygiene, medical lab technology, nursing, radiology and respiratory therapy are pulled together for students in those programs.

"These resources are easily accessible," says former learning resources dean Evelyn McManus, "because a lot of those students work so hard in addition to their courses they don't have time to look all over the Library for what they need. It seemed like a good idea."

These books are chosen by instructors and program coordinators. "We need their input," says McNamara. "They know their own fields better than we ever could, although we also work to make selections in every field."

The Library adds about 4,000 books a year, for both special collections and general use.

Just in front of the African Room is a case of works in French, German and Spanish dotted with a few textbooks in English. Foreign language instructors selected this collection to give students opportunities to read in the language they are studying.

Phillips also gave a number of books on Africa. These are shelved throughout the Library instead of being pulled out in a special collection, but the card catalogs fat Africa section attests to their abundance.

"We've had, for many years, extensive collections of the stories" of Danish writer Isak Dinesen (Karen Blixen) whose stories of Africa were recently popularized by the movie *Out of Africa*, McNamara says.

On tables in the African Room are current periodicals — *South African Panorama*, a monthly similar to *Texas*

Highways filled with articles and beautiful photography, and *South African Digest*, a weekly news digest. Both English language publications paint a gentler picture of that troubled land than is seen on the nightly television news.

Newest is a collection of plays to supplement the drama program. "Often it is impossible to find a particular play in any collection, so we have ordered single copies of many plays for this section," McNamara says. Here, as in other portions of the Library, instructors guide selection.

Three small but growing collections are primarily for faculty and staff use: administration and management books in an African Room corner, professional development and community college works on a low bank of shelves along the rear windows on the main floor and a travel collection in the reference area.

McManus also points out racks of paperback books added to entice reluctant readers. These books on such popular topics as sports contain large print and easy vocabulary. "They have stimulated reading for lots of kids who would never pick up a hardback book," she says.

Probably the smallest special collection, but one highly important to those who need it, is an assortment of equipment and books for the disabled. In the southeast corner of the main floor a microfilm reader and audio carrel make audio tapes and microfilm accessible to those unable to climb stairs. A Visualtek reader magnifies any printed material for those with limited vision. A nearby shelf contains books on specific disabilities and occupational and career guidance.

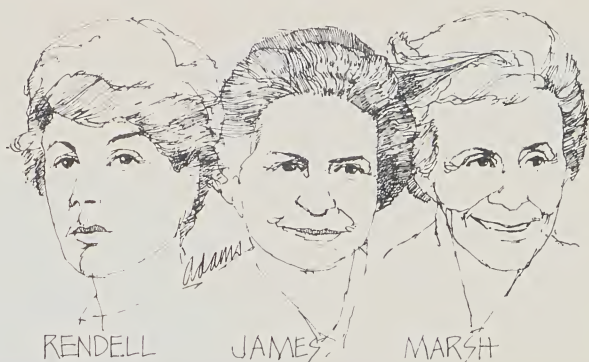
"We also have tape recorders at the circulation desk available to students with special needs," McNamara says.

Though most materials in Vaughn Library, including its special collections, are chosen for and used most by students and instructors, they are open to everyone.

"Anyone can come in and use materials in the Library," McNamara says.

"Alumni association members as well as students, faculty and staff can obtain a library card and check materials out. Not many people know that, but they can."





British women mystery writers serve up tasty morsels

Do you like a brain teaser? Do you like a murder done tastefully? Do you like a suave detective, crafty but sensitive?

Then latch on to the British women mystery writers. If in addition you just happen to like "things British," then welcome to hours of fun.

From the 1930s on through the 1980s, British women authors have made generous contributions to the mystery reader's feast. Agatha Christi is of course the meat and potatoes of the genre, but the gourmet dishes, the really succulent morsels, come from Sayers, Marsh, Tey and, more contemporary, James and Rendell.

Diverse though they are, these five authors appeal to our reading palates in a common way: their detectives become real persons to us. (And thus it has always been, since A. Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes and Edgar Allan Poe's Inspector Dupin.) Ruth Rendell has produced many novels without a detective, but the Rendell stories that intrigue us most feature Inspector Wexford and his sidekick Burden. Some of Josephine Tey's books don't have a central detective, but in the widely acclaimed *Daughter of Time* it is her Inspector Grant who solves a centuries-old murder flat on his back in a hospital bed.

We almost expect to meet P.D. James' brooding Adam Dalgliesh strolling down an English country path. And we women aficionados dream of turning the corner of a busy London street and running smack into the urbane arms of Ngaio Marsh's Roderick Alleyn. (If such a fantasy should become reality, remember to pronounce it "Ah-lyn," accent on the last syllable!)

Sayers' Lord Peter in his younger days is just a bit too cutesy and arrogant, but the more mature Peter is a fascinating character.

Dorothy L. Sayers was a theological writer as well as a mystery novelist. In *Vision*, the Public Broadcasting Service mag which preceded *Dial*, a Rabbi Olan carped, "Pete Wimsey, Sayers' master detective, solves all problems; but when she writes about God, does she have to turn Him into Peter Wimsey?"

I scurried to Miss Sayers' defense with a limerick which appeared in the August, 1978, issue:

As Wimsey sat sipping his tea,
God raised His eye-glass to see,
Then whispered the clue
To a rabbi He knew,
"That chap's a dead ringer for Me!"

Sayers and Marsh are sometimes said to be too intellectual. Well, just skip the occasional Latin phrase. James and Rendell are criticized for being bizarre; who could be more bizarre than Poe, the father of the detective story?

These writers are all delightful, but there is a wonderfully haunting quality about Tey — perhaps because she's Scottish. It lingers in the atmosphere like perfume (or "scent" as the British would say) long after the last page of the book is turned.

Their works are all available in paperback, many obtainable at second-hand bookstores, some at the city library. Hie ye there and start to savor. They're delicious.

Disclaimer!

Just to show there's no sexist prejudice: try this MALE British writer, very modern, Colin Dexter. His Inspector Morse is so human and full of surprises. And just to show there's no pro-British prejudice: try the *American* female writer, Amanda Cross, whose detective literature professor Kate Fansler is witty, shrewd and also very modern.

Recommended:

Sayers: *The Nine Taylors*

Marsh: *Final Curtain*

Rendell: *From Doon With Death*

James: *Shroud for a Nightingale*

Tey: *Brat Farrar*

and any of her other six!



by Pat Logan

Hallelujah! we made it

Memorable moments in May

Graduates told they owe debt

The very existence of Tyler Junior College and our presence here are phenomena which would not have occurred except for the willingness of people to give of themselves and their resources, State Representative David Hudson told 506 graduates at the May commencement exercises.

"You owe part of your success here to those other people, men and women, past and present, well-known and unknown who served on the Board, voted in the elections and paid taxes to make this opportunity available to you."

Hudson is a Tyler native and a graduate of TJC. Prior to entering the Legislature he spent eight years as a government instructor at the College.

He said the successes he has in life he owes, in large measure, to the presence of a community college in his hometown, a community college that was convenient, that was affordable, and that met his educational needs.

"I owe community colleges a debt that can never be completely repaid."

He told the graduates they also owe a debt: a debt of giving back to the College what they had received.

"If we all are obligated to those who have made this ceremony and the experience it represents possible, are we not also obligated to make this opportunity available to others?"



A last victory

The touching story of TJC's oldest graduate



by Betty Nelson

For most people, a diploma is a bench mark. Whether it's proudly displayed on an office wall or tucked away in a long unopened trunk, the diploma is tangible proof of what has been accomplished: the hours of study and preparation, the brain cells that have been stimulated and challenged.

For Fred R. Johns, his diploma was that and much more. It symbolized the completion of a journey that began at the University of Nevada at Reno in 1923 with stops in Europe, Hong Kong, Ceylon and Paris before culminating in Tyler, when he was awarded his associate in arts degree from Tyler Junior College. Because, in that one moment in May 1986, when he was handed that piece of paper, Johns, 81, accomplished a goal he had set for himself despite finding out two months before graduation that he was fighting a losing battle with cancer.

Recognized as TJC's oldest graduate, Johns was presented his diploma in a special ceremony at his home in Tyler. Making the presentation was Dr. Raymond Van Cleef, vice president of educational and student services.

Johns' journey began when he enrolled in college at age 18. But he soon found that other responsibilities, like working full time, required that he drop his courses.

He found his way to Sacramento, CA, where he was successful in the real estate insurance business. But it was his hobby, lapidary work, that took him on many trips around the world, including meeting a man in Ceylon who had actually discovered two new gemstones and the opportunity to watch workers mine sapphires in Annapurna.

His love of antiquities and precious stones was partially responsible for his association with TJC. After he retired in 1968, he and his wife Elma moved to Monterey Beach, CA. Then, three years ago, the couple moved to Tyler to be

near their daughter, Kitty de Pamphilis.

He took a geology course at TJC and even served as a lab assistant. To that he added geography and history courses.

"I was going to school because I liked it," Johns said. At the time, he had not given any thought to working toward a degree.

It was actually his classmates who encouraged him to check into what it would take for him to graduate from TJC. He found that even after more than 60 years, he had about 60 credits from the University of Nevada that would transfer.

"My biggest stumbling blocks at TJC were U.S. and Texas Government," Johns said.

He had nothing but praise for his fellow TJC students, particularly those in the Geology Club. "They would have parties and invite me. I admired that greatly."

Another joy of his at TJC was astronomy taken from Frances Friedman, director of Hudnall Planetarium. The class was especially of interest to Johns because he saw Halley's Comet on its swing by earth in 1910.

After he was diagnosed as having terminal cancer, Johns quest for his diploma became even more significant. His daughter said that Johns, after spending several weeks in the hospital this spring, was concerned about making up his missed classwork.

"He was able to make up a test and scored high, even after all he'd been through," his daughter said.

Johns' ready smile almost made one forget about the deadly disease that he took "in stride. That's all you can do," he said about the cancer.

The graduate admitted, however modestly, that he had accomplished a great deal. And, he said, holding his TJC diploma, "it means just about everything."

Mr. Johns died July 31 in Tyler.



The journey from a geology lab to a swank jewelry store in D.C.

by Betty Nelson

Enthusiasm, commitment and determination are Alta Neill Leath's watchwords. And for proof that her formula works, consider the "small town girl" who now owns and operates an exclusive boutique in Washington's famed Watergate Hotel and whose clientele includes shieks, senators and celebrities.

Leath owns the Altomar Collection, which is devoted entirely to the work of Brazilian artist Haroldo Burle Marx. His jewelry is timeless, she said during a recent visit to Tyler.

"He is the Frank Lloyd Wright of jewelry, a real creative genius."

And, she says, she realizes that her stature now as a successful businesswoman and the wife of U.S. Congressman Marvin Leath, D-Waco, at one time would have been "a far-fetched dream." But, she credits her stint at Tyler Junior College, 1950-52, as the time the seed was planted that later blossomed and led her to Burle Marx in Brazil. Because, she says, at TJC in the fall of 1951, she discovered geology, a course that seemed to strike a familiar cord.

Her love for rocks and gems, "God's wonders," lay somewhat dormant for many years, although she continued to collect stones as a hobby. It was during a trip to Dallas to visit a friend that Leath was vicariously introduced to Haroldo Burle Marx. "My friend had some of his jewelry and I fell in love with it. I never imagined that someday I would get to meet him and have the opportunity to sell his creations."

In 1981, she had the opportunity to visit Brazil with her husband. While he tended to business matters, Leath says she went off to find Burle Marx.

"I am not an impulsive person," Leath says, "but when I found him he was cutting an extremely rare 6 pound opal crystal . . . I ended up buying all his opals." She convinced him to come out of retirement and later that year, Leath opened her boutique in the Watergate lobby.

Almost overnight her love of gems and minerals was turned into a profitable business. She attributes her success to Burle Marx' ageless designs. "Beautiful minerals and gems last forever, and only God can make them. They are like flowers, only it's something that took millions of years to create."

Paul Desautels, the recently retired curator of the Smithsonian Institute, said in an interview with *Connoisseur* magazine, "You feel that Burle Marx is using ancient motifs. Yet if you search for something specific, you can't find it."

No two designs are ever exactly alike, Leath explains. Because every goldsmith has a slightly different hand, each piece of jewelry is begun and finished by the same man at Burle Marx' studio in Rio de Janeiro.

She says the handcrafted and signed gold and silver jewelry shows off the gems that are among Brazil's most important natural resources — emeralds, aquamarines, tourmalines, topazes, rubellites and opals.

Prices for Burle Marx's work range from \$150 to \$250,000.

Although the Altomar Collection captures her enthusiasm and requires her commitment, it is to her family she is dedicated.

Often referring to herself as just "a country girl from Henderson," Leath's sunny disposition and positive attitude underlie a tragedy that 16 years later she is still dealing with.

In 1970, the Leaths' oldest son, Jim, at age 10 died of cancer.

Partially in response to grief and believing that a change of scenery would be good for the family, Marvin Leath moved to Washington with his wife and their younger son Tom to accept the position of administrative assistant to Congressman W.R. "Bob" Poage. In 1978, Marvin ran for and was elected to Congress.

Alta, who professes a strong faith in God, is active in a prayer group comprised of Congressional and Cabinet

wives. She also speaks to Christian women's groups in the Washington area about the struggle of losing a child.

She is also a member of the Congressional Wives Club and the First Ladies Luncheon Committee, a group that since 1907 has hosted a luncheon once a year for the First Lady.

Tom graduated last year from Langley High School in Langley, VA, and has been attending McLennan Community College in Waco. Leath is extremely proud Tom is attending a junior/community college because while she was at TJC, Congressman Leath attended Kilgore College.

"I just loved everything I took at TJC," she says. "Two of my teachers, Mildred Howell in French and Elizabeth Bryarly in English, instilled in me a zest for learning. As I look back, I realize one can never underestimate the value of a teacher."



83-year old TJC student donates \$60,000 for scholarships

The desire to see where his money is going before it's "too late" inspired 83-year-old Tyler Junior College student St. Clair Luzzi to give \$60,000 to the school's scholarship programs.

Fifty thousand establishes two endowed presidential scholarships and \$10,000 will be used for 20 scholarships of \$500 each to be awarded in the spring of 1987.

"The Lord kept me around for some reason and this must be it," Luzzi says about his gift.

The Margaret and Frank Canavaggio Presidential Scholarship is in memory of his sister and brother-in-law.

The St. Clair F. Luzzi Presidential Scholarship is provided "in deep appreciation for the knowledge I gained from the Tyler Junior College instructors, the administrative staff, and the student body for accepting me as one of theirs."

Ten of the 20 scholarships will be recognized as St. Clair Luzzi Scholarships, and the other 10 recognized as Margaret Luzzi Canavaggio Scholarships.

Recipients of the scholarships will be incoming students in a technology program.

Luzzi, a retired businessman, enrolled in a computer science course in the fall of 1985 to help him learn to use his home computer. Last spring he added a golf course, and this fall he is taking another computer course along with a cooking class.

In answer to why a cooking class he says, "I have to eat what I cook so I better learn to cook good meals."

Although he is 60 years older than many of his classmates, he is pursuing his education with dedication.

"Learning is the biggest help in keeping me young and mentally alert," he says. "I try to act as young as they (other students) do, but sometimes it's hard."

He says he doesn't understand why so many people retire to nothing.

"As long as man has a brain, he ought to put it to function. So many people sit around when they get a little older, and when they do, they start to deteriorate. I don't want that to happen to me.

"TJC has been my salvation."

A native of Chicago, his family moved to Texas when he was 3 years old. He grew up in Waco and Houston.

In the late '30s he worked for a pipeline company near Beaumont. On his way to work one Monday morning, he turned his car around, went home and told his wife he wanted to be a mechanical engineer. With that decision made he spent the next three years working part time as a draftsman while teaching himself engineering by reading.

When he received his license as an engineer, the card read "1006." Today, there are more than 100,000 such cards in Texas he says.

As a business man, he founded several businesses including Tile-Crete of Tyler, a manufacturer of precast concrete



Margaret Luzzi
Canavaggio and
St. Clair
Luzzi.
Drawings by
Dana Adams.

products. He currently serves as a volunteer arbiter for the Better Business Bureau of Tyler.

Fifty thousand of Luzzi's donation creates the 17 and 18th presidential scholarships at TJC. The program was created in 1983 and each of the 18 presidential scholarships represents a \$25,000 endowed gift which provides \$2,000 annually to outstanding students.

To date, \$450,000 in presidential scholarship donations have been received. The money is invested in the Tyler Junior College Foundation with only the interest earned off the money used for the scholarships.

New memorial scholarship given

The Canton Bass Association has established an endowed scholarship at Tyler Junior College in memory of one of the organization's charter members.

The Ronnie M. Stone Memorial Scholarship will be presented each spring to a Canton High School graduating senior who plans to attend TJC.

Stone, an avid fisherman who died at the age of 39 in July 1984, was a 1963 graduate of Canton High School. He was a supervisor for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

"Ronnie loved his work but he had the desire to enjoy his leisure time as well

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Development News



Troy Portwood, above, recently presented TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins with a \$1,500 matching gifts endowment for the annual TEPE Scholarships, established by Portwood and businessman J.N. Ellett. Hawkins, middle, accepts a \$1,000 gift from W.O. Newton of Beverly Interprises that establishes merit scholarships for TJC nursing students. Bottom, C.C. Baker Jr., vice president of development and college relations and Tyler women's organization members Mary Russell, Grace L. Stuart and Barbara Walker were recognized this spring for scholarship contributions.

... this time was divided between family and fishing, often combining the two," his widow, Rita Stone said.

"My children and I take great comfort in knowing that Ronnie died while he was doing something he dearly loved, fishing at Lake Hawkins, his favorite place in the world."

She said the Bass Association hopes to be able to add a Hawkins High School student as a recipient of the Stone Scholarship.

The first recipient of the \$300 scholarship is Kerry Don Slaughter of Canton.

Cultural Arts Opportunities

FORT WORTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

October 28, 1986, 7:30 p.m., Wise Auditorium. Co-sponsored by Tyler Junior College and The University of Texas at Tyler.

TEXAS OPERA THEATER

February 22, 1987, 3:00 p.m., Caldwell Auditorium. A performance in English of "La Boheme." Co-sponsored by Tyler Junior College and The University of Texas at Tyler.

Apache Band director named

Presenting a more extensive halftime performance after the Apache Belle feature, and doing more marching are two goals new Apache Band director Gary Wayne Jordan has set for the future. The former Huntsville High School director of band and instrumental music, Jordan was named Apache Band director June 2. A graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, he has taught at Cleveland High School, Longview High School, Mount Vernon Independent School District and Foster Middle School.

"We hope to have a very active symphonic band that will perform challenging literature in the spring," Jordan said. He plans to give a few concerts at area high schools and maybe an outdoor concert at a park.

Owner and operator of the Jordan Sound Productions Recording Company specializing in educational recordings, the director has played the trumpet in an orchestra which accompanied several TJC musical productions.

He says that this year's band of

approximately 100 students not only has numbers, but also quality.

"We're just real excited," Jordan said. "We're looking forward to a good year."

Jordan, 35, is a member of the Texas Music Educator's Association, Texas Bandmaster's Association, National Association of Jazz Educators, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Professional Fraternity and Kiwanis International.

"Mr. Jordan's bands have garnered so many first division ratings we couldn't list them all," Dr. Raymond Van Cleef, vice president, educational and student services said. "But one he seems particularly proud of is the Outstanding Band rating received at the Great American Band Contest in Orlando, FL, being the only band in the entire contest, regardless of class, to receive a first division rating from three judges."

Jordan also has plans for the College's new jazz band to compete in two college level jazz festivals. He says the jazz band is a vehicle for studying and learning new

kinds of music.

These groups are open to anyone on campus by audition.

Jordan and his wife, Terri Ann, have one daughter, Tara LeAnne.



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Jim M. Vaughn, M.D., left, president of the Tyler Junior College Board of Trustees, presents Patrick R. Thomas, M.D., immediate past president, with a resolution honoring him for his service and dedication to the Board during his tenure as president. The presentation took place during the Board's August meeting on campus.

Extending Our Horizon

TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT ENRICHMENT SERIES 1986-1987

Roger Staubach — September 16, 1986, 11:15 a.m., Wise Auditorium. One of football's greatest quarterbacks, both at college, where he won the Heisman Trophy, and in the NFL where he was the perennial all-star and leader of the Dallas Cowboys, will be the featured motivational speaker for the year.

Estelle Lincoln — October 7, 1986, 9:50 a.m., Wise Auditorium. Clinical educator with the National Institutes of Health, Lincoln will speak on "Threats of Social Diseases." A consultant/lecturer on AIDS, she is a registered nurse and has her master's degree in nursing.

William Colby — November 10, 1986, 10:00 a.m., Wise Auditorium. Former CIA Director, and wife Sally Shelton Colby, former U.S. Ambassador to Granada and other eastern Caribbean nations, will discuss "World of Threats of Terrorism."

Honorable Shirley Chisholm — February 3, 1987, 9:50 a.m., Wise Auditorium. Former Congresswoman who served for six years on the House Education and Labor Committees, author of *Unbought and Unbossed* and *The Good Fight*, a staunch advocate of peace, prosperity, and equality for all Americans, will speak on "Knowledge is Power... The American People."

John Maxwell — February 24, 1987, 7:00 p.m., Wise Auditorium. In a one-man show, John Maxwell brings William Faulkner (one of the giants of literature and Nobel Prize winning author) alive as a human being. The warm, serious, well-rounded performance gives the audience a sense of intimacy with Faulkner.

Fred Friendly — April 2, 1987, 11:15 a.m., Wise Auditorium. Former president of CBS News and professional partner of Edward R. Murrow, a leading authority on social responsibility of the major business, political and media institutions in our Constitutional democracy, will moderate a panel discussion on "The Press, the Constitution, and Responsibility."

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TJC makes an A+ on national tennis tournament

by Liz Caffrey

Tyler Junior College was the real winner at the 1986 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Men's Tennis Tournament hosted by TJC this spring.

Although the Apaches tied for sixth place with Florida Junior College after winning the national championship in 1985 and tying for it in 1984, TJC was a winner in many other ways.

Coaches from all over the country praised the way TJC officials, including tennis technology students, provided for a smooth-running, even-keeled event. Matches began on time, plenty of courts were available, the facilities were top-notch and TJC provided more hospitality and social functions for players and coaches than all the other tournaments combined.

Those in the know called it "first class."

The Coaches

Miami-Dade coach Tom Lazzaro, who also serves as president of the NJCAA Tennis Coaches Association, said this was the best tournament he has taken a team to in all his years of coaching. Same goes for Arnie Hittleman, retiring tennis coach from Nassau Community College in Garden City, NY. Ditto for coach Bob Orr of Lake Land Community College of Mattoon, IL.

"Tyler, for me, has been what Texas is all about," said Hittleman. "There are ranches, cattle, oil, open spaces . . . Tyler is a neatly tucked away representative of New England in Texas.

"This tournament has just been great," added Hittleman, who now runs a bed and breakfast in New Marlborough, MA. "Everything ran smoothly and efficiently. There was plenty for everyone to do. It's been nice."

The tournament's participants, while some were not used to the severe heat, enjoyed the weather for the most part.

"We liked it a lot (in Tyler)," said Pat Cavanaugh, captain and No. 6 singles

player for Vincennes (IN) University.

"It's different than Florida (where past national tournaments have been held). The air is clear and it's not as humid. The courts are nice. Each team had a home (a local family that sponsors each team) and that made it feel more like you were at home."

Not only was the national tournament, the first-ever sponsored by TJC, a success for coaches and players from around America, but it was a positive experience for the local folks, too.

"As a team, we enjoyed it," said TJC tennis coach Robert Cox. "It was a real easy tournament to participate in because everyone had enough time to eat and rest and return for their matches. We just got down early (in the team standings) and couldn't make up the ground we needed."

The Community

Tournament director Dr. Billy Jack Doggett, who's also dean, division of health, physical education, recreation and athletics for the College, said the tournament would not have been a success without support from the community and TJC's administration.

At the root of the whole process was TJC's supportive administration, spearheaded by Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, president, and vice presidents Dr. Raymond Van Cleef and C.C. Baker Jr.

"I don't think we could have gotten the bid for the tournament without strong administrative support," said Doggett.

The Press

The media got plenty of help, credit and attention during the week-long national tournament, too.

A special platform was built to aid television coverage of the event, and members of the media had access to a press room complete with telephones. Scores were reported daily to the Associated Press and United Press International wire services.

"They had everything laid out for you," said Steve Estes, assistant sports editor of the *Tyler Courier-Times — Telegraph*. "Everything was real simple to come by. If you wanted any kind of assistance, there was always someone around to help you. And when you wanted interviews, the players were really cooperative.

"It was first class."

And that's just what the tournament organizers wanted — to put on a first-class tournament.

"We wanted this tournament to be something the players would remember — not just another tennis tournament," said Doggett. "We wanted it to be special. I think we were on the right track."

The players, especially the ones suiting up for TJC, agreed.



APACHE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Oct. 11	*Navarro College	Tyler	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	*Cisco Junior College	Cisco	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	*Ranger Junior College	Tyler	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	*Trinity Valley Community College	Athens	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Open		
Nov. 15	**Kilgore College	Tyler	2:00 p.m.
*Conference Game **Homecoming			

TJC BASKETBALL 86-87

APACHES

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 10	Bossier Parrish Community College	Tyler	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 14-15	San Jacinto Classic	Pasadena	TBA
Nov. 21-22	Tyler Classic: Howard College TSTI (Waco), Kilgore College, and TJC	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	Grayson County College	Denison	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28-29	Thanksgiving Classic: Kilgore College, Cisco Junior College, Grayson County College, Tyler Junior College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 3	Paris Junior College	Tyler	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 6	Kilgore College	Kilgore	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 10	Jacksonville College	Tyler	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Angelina College	Tyler	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 9-10	Kilgore Classic	Kilgore	TBA
Jan. 14	Lon Morris College	Jacksonville	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Navarro College	Tyler	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Panola Junior College	Carthage	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	Trinity Valley Community College	Tyler	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Paris Junior College	Paris	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Kilgore College	Tyler	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Jacksonville College	Jacksonville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Angelina College	Lufkin	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	Lon Morris College	Tyler	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Navarro College	Corsicana	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Panola Junior College	Tyler	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 28	Trinity Valley Community College	Athens	8:00 p.m.

APACHE LADIES

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	Trinity Valley Community College Classic	Athens	TBA
Nov. 4	Hill College	Tyler	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7-8	Tyler Junior College Super Classic	Tyler	TBA
Nov. 10	San Jacinto College North	Pasadena	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	Grayson County College	Tyler	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	Blinn College	Tyler	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	McLennan Community College	Waco	3:45 p.m.
Nov. 24	Grayson County College	Denison	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 3	Paris Junior College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 6	Kilgore College	Kilgore	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 9	San Jacinto College North	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 13	Angelina College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 8-10	Tournament of Champions Northern Oklahoma College	Tonkawa, OK	TBA
Jan. 16	Wharton County Junior College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	Panola Junior College	Carthage	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	Hill College	Hillsboro	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	Trinity Valley Community College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Paris Junior College	Paris	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Kilgore College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Blinn College	Brenham	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	Angelina College	Lufkin	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	McLennan Community College	Tyler	7:00 p.m.
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Class Notes — an update on TJC exes

Trace Hollowell, an art director with the advertising firm of Bozell, Jacobs, Kenga and Eckhardt, is recipient of the Gold Addy Award in Atlanta, GA. The award is for art direction of a television commercial for C&S Bank of South Carolina. The commercial also was a winner in the Best TV in 1985, an international competition sponsored by the Bank Marketing Association and received a Silver Addy Award at the southern regional presentation.

Sherlon Denise Young '84 of Ben Wheeler graduated from East Texas State University in May with a degree from the School of Arts and Sciences in social work. She plans to continue college working towards a master's degree.

Dr. Charles D. Rorie '55 has left his position as Dean of Dyersburg State Community College in Tennessee to accept the position of vice president for Instruction and Educational Services at Elgin Community College in Illinois.

Bill Scott has been named band director of the Alba-Golden Independent School District. He will be responsible for band programs in grades 5-12.

Teresa Gay Hobbs '82 has been promoted to assistant claims-closing coordinator for Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. of Dallas. The former Apache Belle also received the 1985 Outstanding Young Women of America Award for outstanding professional and civic achievements. She is continuing her education at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Alumni Association Officers: *President*, Radford Tarry, D.D.S., '74/Tyler; *Vice President*, Andy Beilitz, '81/Whitehouse; *Secretary*, Nancy Portwood Crawford, '72/Tyler; *Executive Secretary Treasurer*, Emma Lou Prater, '47/Tyler; *Parliamentarian*, Joy Watson, '67/Tyler. *Association Board*: Vicki Alfred, '73/Tyler; Sharonne Barton, '63/Tyler; Charles Bronaugh, '75/Tyler; David Crawford, '71/Tyler; Jim Deason, '66/Tyler; Susan Garrison, '72/Tyler; W. Harold Martin, '71/Tyler; Lexie Palmore, '67/Tyler; Sherry Patterson, '70/Longview; Paul Peters, '26/Tyler; Leo Rudd, '54/Tyler; Athena Russell, '75/Tyler; and Karen Thedford, '73/Whitehouse.

Douglas R. Hutyra has a new address, 4620 Northgate Drive in Irving.

Terry W. Gipson received a cash award and a Certificate of Excellence for his entries in a theatrical design competition sponsored by the Texas chapter of United States Institute of Theatre Technology. The Texas Tech University senior won first place in the undergraduate division of this competition.

Frank Saunders '67 of McKinney is moving to Greece. The alumnus says he fondly remembers speech/theatre instructor Clarence Strickland, former instructor Dr. Jean Browne and part-time speech instructor Lawrence Birdsong.

Marjorie B. Zeppa has been promoted to assistant vice president at InterFirst Bank, Tyler.

James C. "Jim" Kite II '76 was recently elected president of the Tyler Jaycees. The University of Texas at Austin and Tyler graduate is a financial analyst with United Telephone.

Robert "Ace" Gallop and John Paul Hank have been named regional directors with Union National Life Insurance Co. Gallop, a North Texas State University graduate, is responsible for the company's district offices in Beaumont, Houston and San Antonio. Hank is responsible for company offices in Tyler, Grand Prairie, Dallas and Fort Worth.

Denise Casey Keller of Lockhart is a registered respiratory therapist at Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital. She holds a bachelor's degree in health care management from Southwest State University.

Dr. Joseph Selman, medical director of radiologic technology at TJC, has announced his retirement from the active practice of radiation oncology. He will serve as the East Texas Cancer Center's Consultant Medical Director.

C. Rogers '85 has moved to Mission Viejo, CA. She is now employed in sales with Imagnin in the Newport Beach area. Rogers plans to continue her education with additional computer courses

"I do miss those dear friends in Tyler who made it all possible for me to have a great time at TJC," Rogers says.

Tim Holt has been promoted to assistant cashier at First City National Bank in Tyler.

Andrew Melontree Jr. '78 was a guest speaker at the 12th annual Founders Day and Awards Dinner for the Tyler Chapter of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. He is a former professional football player for the NFL and USFL teams.

Ellen M. Thorsen Miller and Dan F. Miller of Midland announce the birth of their daughter Emily Jo. Ellen, a former Apache Belle, is employed as a technical secretary.

Peggy Skender '74 of Crossett, AR has been teaching at Hamburg High School, Hamburg, AR since 1977. She received a degree in English from the University of Arkansas in 1977. Her husband Frank is a maintenance supervisor for Georgia Pacific Corp.

Steve Lucas, a former independent Houston landman, has returned to Tyler after buying the Baker Lucas Real Estate Co.

John G. Self has been appointed senior vice president for market development of Houston-based Affiliated Hospital Systems. He holds a B.S. degree from East Texas State University.

William and Debra Shulenberg '82-'85 have moved from Jacksonville to Sanger. "Bill" will be continuing in the Management Training Program for Golden Corral Corp. in Gainesville and "Debbie" will attend North Texas State University in Denton.

Stuart Chesley, president and chief executive officer of East Texas Savings and Loan, was recently elected president of the Texas Savings and Loan League. He is a member of the Tyler Junior College Development Council.

Mark Morman '84 has graduated summa cum laude from Southern Utah State College with a B.S. degree in communication. At SUSC he was a member of the forensics team, director

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of student affairs, director of the college television station and a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society. He is now attending the University of Kansas on a teach and study fellowship.

Stephanie Gimble is the recipient of a Dean's Scholarship to Texas Christian University. "I am looking forward to making the transition from Apache to Frog!," she says.

Marilyn Leidal '74 has moved from Liberty to Houston. Married to John in October 1985, Marilyn is now banquet manager of the Magic Island night club where she occasionally sings for weddings.

Arthur S. Palmer '78 received a bachelors in business administration from New England College in 1980. Currently he is a computer programmer with Aquidneck Management Associate Inc. working as a contractor at Naval Underwater Systems Center in Newport, RI.

Cathy Irby of Tyler has been named assistant vice president of Affiliated Mortgage Company.

Robert M. Rogers of Tyler has been named Outstanding Businessman of the Year by South Tyler Rotary Club. Rogers, chairman of the board and president of TCA Cable Inc., serves on the board of directors of the Tyler Junior College Foundation.

David Wren had the lead in the Dallas theater production *The Importance of Being Earnest* this summer.

Benard Cummings is currently playing the lead in *Ancestors* at New Arts Theater. He was one of the 12 students accepted to graduate school in theater at Yale this fall.

Sharon Stehsel '71 has been named a banking officer in the Personal Financial Services Division of InterFirst Bank Dallas. In 1983 she joined the bank as a college recruiting coordinator. She was later promoted to administrative secretary and became a supervisor of new accounts in 1984.

Lottie Caldwell has been selected as the recipient of the "Woman of the Year" award by the Zonta Club of Tyler. She serves on the TJC Foundation Board.

Gary L. Thedford has merged his insurance business with the Bergfeld Agency of Tyler. The West Texas State

University graduate specializes in writing business and life insurance, medical insurance, disability insurance, estate planning and retirement plans. His industry memberships include The Million Dollar Round Table and The Texas Headers Round Table.

Cheryee Oberg '86 of Tyler competed this summer for the title of Miss Texas-USA, entering the competition as Miss Piney Woods. While at TJC, she performed in several musicals and was a member of Chamber Singers. She is attending Stephen F. Austin State University.

First Southwest Savings and Loan

Association of Tyler recently announced the promotion of **Mellonie Vandergriff** to assistant vice president and administrative assistant, and **Ron Marshall** to vice president.

Melita Gay Lang '84 of Lindale graduated this summer cum laude from Stephen F. Austin State University. She earned a B.S. degree with a major in biology and minor in chemistry.

Francis Miriam Hart-James '55 of Norfolk, VA has been named to *Who's Who of American Women 83-84*. A journalism major at TJC, she is now vice president of SEACO Metals & Supply, Inc.

LAST NOTICE



Homecoming Schedule '86

Friday, November 14

Campus Walk	1:15 p.m. from West Hall Parking Lot
Pep Rally and Homecoming King and Queen Candidates Presentation	2 p.m., Wise Plaza
Campus Capers	7:30 p.m., Wise Auditorium
Homecoming Dance	following Campus Capers, Student Center
Midnight Pep Rally	midnight, Student Center

Saturday, November 15

Homecoming Barbecue and registration of Alumni	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Rose Garden Center
Pregame Show and Presentation of Homecoming King and Queen	1:30 p.m., Rose Stadium
TJC vs Kilgore College	2:00 p.m., Rose Stadium
Halftime Extravaganza featuring TJC Apache Belles and Apache Band and Kilgore College Rangerettes and Ranger Band	Rose Stadium
Organizational Meetings	5:00 p.m. - midnight Rose Room, Rose Garden Center

Weddings

Pamela Smith of Houston and **Jake Burkhalter** of Honolulu, HI. She is a cardiovascular radiologic technologist and he is a special agent with Defense of Criminal Investigative Service in Honolulu, where they reside.

Debra Kay Presley of Tyler and **Kevin Lee Murphy** of Chandler. She attends the University of Texas at Tyler and he is an electronic technician for Sears Service Center. They reside at Lake Palestine.

Lori Carol Cluck and **Mark Donald Lovelady** of Tyler. She is employed by Green Acres Baptist Church Day Care and he is employed by Hilly Machinery.

Phillip Carl Powell of Bullard and **Teresa Marie Dahners** of Tyler. He is a student at the University of Texas at Tyler and she is a salesperson for Cronk Company. They reside in Tyler.

Sandy Garner and **Tom Williams** of Brownsboro. She is employed as a secretary by Hardy and Atherton Law Office and he is self-employed and a student at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Brian Lemmon and **Dallas Trapp** of Tyler. She is a physical education teacher at Hubbard Middle School and he is a recent graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University.

Theresa Jan Turman and **Scott Wayne Adcock** of Whitehouse. She is employed as a secretary and he is employed as a dental technician at Porcelain Shop Inc. They reside in Chandler.

Robert Glenn Day Jr. of Tyler and **Anna Marie Harris** of Whitehouse. He is a self-employed remodeler and she is a secretary at First City National Bank of Tyler.

Monte Joe Smith of Winnsboro and **Linda Gayle Fields** of Chandler. He is employed in real estate and she is a cosmetologist with Stricklin's Hair Company. They reside in Chandler.

Winfred Lloyd Bell and **Sunshine Venessa Mason** of Tyler. He is a self-employed contractor and she is an insurance claims clerk with Atlanta Life Insurance Company.

Gregory Scott Robinson and **Deborah Ann Golden** of Chapel Hill. He is an assistant store manager with Brookshire Grocery Company and she is a secretary with Crown Machine Inc.

Kathy Jo Thompson of Hawkins and

Bobbie Carlon Huckaby of Big Sandy. She is a patient service representative with the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler and he is employed by Exxon Pipeline. They reside in Hawkins.

Ann-Ellen Wylie and **Bryan Keith Morris** of Tyler. She is an advertising clerk at Tyler Pipe Industries Inc. and he is a purchasing agent for Tyler Pipe. Both attend the University of Texas at Tyler.

Donna Joyce Robertson of Tyler and **Brian Keith Ruhs** of Flint. She is a secretary at Gerald Jessup Sport Cycles Inc. and he is a warehouse manager for F.D. Brinkman.

Leslie June Wyatt and **Larry Michael King** of Tyler. She is employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and he is employed by National Homes Corporation.

Martha Jane Makaffey and **Gary Ray Hester** of Grand Prairie. She is employed by Red Lobster Inns of America and he is employed by LTV Corporation.

Dicky Davenport of Troup and **Kim Kinney** of Whitehouse. He is self-employed and she is employed as a bank teller.

Susan Lynne Slevinski and **Bart Preston Parish** of Tyler. She is employed by Dillard's Department Store and he is employed by Wayne's Industrial Service.

Janet Kay Pryor and **Galen Red Morrison** of Tyler. She is a registered nurse at Medical Center Hospital and he is employed by AT&T.

Henry Roland Elbert III and **Jennifer Elaine Braeun** of Dallas. He holds a master's degree in music from North Texas State University and is a pianist. She is director of Fidelity Investments.

Richard Woerner Halleck III and **Charlotte Elizabeth Parker** of Fort Worth. He is a customer service agent for Delta Airlines and she is a manager trainee for Paul Harris Stores.

Margaret June Jett of Tyler and **Lloyd Christopher Johnson** of Mineola. They are employed by Tyler Pipe Industries Inc.

Randall Keith Wallace of Brownwood and **Patty Sue Nesom** of Oklahoma City, OK. He attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is a youth minister of First Baptist Church in Brownwood.

Daryl Wendy Trop and **Joshua Phillip Strauss** of Los Angeles, CA. She is an

actress and he is a film and television producer.

Cheryl Ann Smith and **Bobby Leon Morrow** of Tyler. She is an ultrasound technician and he is a salesman for Story-Wright Inc.

Laura Lynn Hare of Lake Jackson and **Robert Andrew Miller** of Tyler. He is employed by Impressive Business Forms of Tyler.

Julie Elizabeth Browning of Mabank and **John Leslie Pickard** of Atlanta, GA. She holds a master's degree from North Texas State University and is a home economics teacher. He is area sales manager of truck and industrial parts for Dana Corporation. They reside in Roswell, GA.

Lynn Mann of Tyler and **Randy Ward** of Ben Wheeler. She is a pharmaceutical technician and he is a machinist for Higgenbotham Engine Service. They reside in Ben Wheeler.

Kimberly Gale Thompson and **Jim Joey Bealy** of Tyler. She is employed in public relations at Independent American Savings Association and he is manager of the office services department for the company.

Gina Thedford and **William A. Drew Jr.** of Tyler. He is employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

Susan Featherston of Colfax and **Robert Dean West Jr.** of Lindale. She is a graduate of Texas Woman's University and is a nurse at Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler. He is a graduate of the paramedic program at Mother Francis Hospital and is employed as a paramedic by Lindale Emergency.

Teri Lynn Kelly and **Duane Ervin Knight Jr.** of Tyler. She is employed as a medical laboratory technician at Doctors Memorial Hospital. Both attend the University of Texas at Tyler.

Connie Lynn Saxon and **Michael Levan Odom** of Tyler. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler.

Tamila Delight Clark and **Jeffrey Ray Willaims** of DeSota. She is a Baylor University graduate and is employed as a sales assistant by Weis and Powell in Dallas. He attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Charlene M. Phillips and **Michael J. Williams** of Tyler. She is employed by Tyler Inc. and he is employed by Sears Service Center. Both attend the University of Texas at Tyler.

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Vicki Kay Anderson and **Ricky Dean Slasser** of Tyler. She is a receptionist at Lake Ronel Oil Company and he is self-employed.

Sally Camille Benson of Tyler and **Joe Charles Reaves Jr.** of Dallas. He is a employed as an agricultural engineer. They reside in Dallas.

Angela R. Pettigrew of Whitehouse and **Joseph J. Foster** of Mineola. She is employed by the U.S. Postal Service and he is employed by I.B.M. They reside in Whitehouse.

Anetia Mayfield and **Charles Oliver** of Tyler. She is employed as a service agent by Federal Express and he is employed with Oliver's Landscaping.

Shelly D'Ann Morgan of Lindale and **Joel Douglas Walvoord** of Hide-A-Way Lake. She is a medical receptionist and he is employed by Weaver's Exxon. They reside in Lindale.

Sheri Leach and **Phil Barrett** of Tyler. She is employed as a legal secretary and he is a credit analyst with First City Bank.

Lucy Anna Leard of Tyler and **Larry Timothy Perrin** of Lubbock. He attends Texas Tech University School of Law.

Dana Dorisene Dailey and **Mark Allen Thacker** of Tyler. They reside in College Station where both are attending Texas A&M University. He is also employed by Texas A&M Nuclear Science Center.

Vickie Hammontree and **Randall Brim** of Houston. She attends the University of Texas at Tyler and he is employed by Exxon Company, U.S.A.

Regina Evelyn Leggett of New Chapel Hill and **Fred Ellis Elder Jr.** of Tyler. She is a nurse at the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler and he is employed by Texas Oil and Gas Production Corporation.

Derrick Jones of Tyler and **Beverly Weathington** of Dallas. He is a graduate of Barbizon School and Richland College and is employed by Shell Offshore. She is a graduate of Savannah State University and is employed as a senior corporate accountant. They reside in Tyler.

Cheryl Lee Adair of Chandler and **Michael Glenn Burdick** of Houston. Both are attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Nancy Kay Hiltcher and **Michael R.**

Craft of Hawkins. He is a coach and teacher at Hawkins High School.

Kenneth Wayne Steele and **Shirley Kiefer** of Oklahoma City, OK. He is employed by Tenneco Corporation.

Matthew Reed Martin of Tyler and **Wendy Jane Fisher** of Grand Saline. Both are attending Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Lisa Diane Richardson of Whitehouse and **Peter Burnet Fisher Jr.** of Hawkins. She is employed by Target and he is owner and operator of Fisher Construction. They reside in Hawkins.

Rebecca Jane Steph and **Michael John Holian** of Tyler. She is employed by Trane Company as a human resources specialist and he is a programmer/analyst for Trane.

Christina Louise Barton and **John Gaylon Myers** of Tyler. She is attending the University of Texas at Tyler and he is electrician with Smith Electric.

Barbara Sue Wentworth and **Christopher Lee Johnson** of Tyler. She is employed as a medical laboratory technician and he is employed as vice president project manager with Howard McKinney Inc.

Marquita R. Walker and **Mark Anthony Manning** of Tyler. She is a secretary in the Financial Aid Office at TJC and he is a counselor at the Smith County Juvenile Attention Center.

Glenda Kay Scott of Tyler and **John Vicker** of Carthage. She is a data entry clerk at TJC. They reside in Tyler.

Wendell Gardner of Flint and **Beth Whitaker** of Carthage. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler and is a nurse. She is a teacher.

Mary Ann Branch of Tyler and **Mark Allen Brandon** of Palestine. She is a loan processor with Affiliated Mortgage and he is a petroleum geologist.

Mollie Jacenda Mullican of Tyler and **Christopher Herschel Loy** of Whitehouse. She is a marketing support representative with George Harvey and Associates and he is employed by W.E. Sword Company Inc.

Hanny Altou Musslewhite of Tyler and **Kimberly Ann Bedair** of Arp. He is employed by Glamour Pools of Tyler Inc.

Sherrie Lynn Hunt and **Sid Norbash** of

Fayetteville, AR. She holds degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and North Texas State University. She is an audiologist and he is a civil engineer.

Kristine Ann Carlson and **Frank Earl Inscore** of Whitehouse. She attends the University of Texas at Tyler.

Jonnie "Rusty" Weekly of Tyler and **Tony Darl Smith** of Terrell. She is a teacher and he is employed by Olden and Company as an ironworker.

Angel Legene Carpenter and **Mark Leland Gregory** of Tyler. She is an elementary school teacher with Tyler Independent School District and he is manager of Computer Place.

Joan Andrea Thompson and **Ricky Lynn Johnson** of Tyler. She is a registered nurse at Mother Francis Hospital and he is employed by Brookshire Grocery Company.

Connie Jo Wells of Arlington and **George M. Arnold Jr.** of Grand Prairie. She is employed in new accounts at Bank of the West and is a sales representative with Southwest Hardware and Fasteners. They reside in Grand Prairie.

Cheryl Lynn Erck of Bullard and **Danny Jay Stanks** of San Diego, CA. They reside in Ramona, CA where he is a third class petty officer in the U.S. Navy.

Jill Marie Sheely and **Michael Todd Ellis** of Tyler. He is supervisor of Advance Loan Inc.

Lester Arnett Melontree of Tyler and **Linda Bernice Adams** of Fairfield. Both are teachers and coaches. They reside in Fairfield.

Kelli Michelle Price and **Casey Stephan Berkhouse** of Tyler. She is a medical laboratory technician at Edgar B. Davis Memorial Hospital in San Marcos and he attends Southwest Texas State University.

Annette Lynn Bogle of Troup and **Toby John Adams** of Tyler. She attends the University of Texas at Tyler and he is an assistant manager at Brookshire Grocery Company.

Steven Cornel Riley and **Andrea Renee Crofton** of Tyler. He is employed with Wilson-Riley Inc.

Tonda Jolane Taylor and **John Allen Harris** of Tyler. She is a secretary with Bob Waters Construction and he is co-owner of Harris Cattle Co.

Marlene Magee and **Domenic Livoti** of Humble. She is a teacher and drill team director with Humble Independent

School District and he is a teacher and coach with HISD.

Elizabeth Ann Manziel of Tyler and **Michael Scott Savoie** of Norco, CA. She is a computer operator and he owns Savoie Dry Wall.

Sharon Christine Jenkins of Dallas and **David Thomas Durden** of Midway. Both are accountants. They reside in Dallas.

Laura Ann Bland and **Kenneth Wayne Rice** of Tyler. They are students at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Gretchen Ann Wolf and **Bryan Dee Rayburn** of Tyler. She is floral manager at Tom Thumb Page and he is employed with Holtan Honda.

Linda Sue Farrell of Tyler and **Wesley Marion Criddle** of Whitehouse. She is employed with Commonwealth Life and Accident Insurance Company and he is employed with Southland Distribution Center.

Sarah Abigail Worthen and **Michael Frank Wilson** '83 of Carbondale, IL. She works for Archway, Inc. and he works for Domino's Pizza as an assistant manager.

Jimmy Ray Alvey and **Jackie Rae Mayne** of Tyler. He is a body technician at Wagner Cadillac Company and she is an office assistant at Wilcox Associates Architects-Planners.

Jena Johnson and **Kevin Kusketh** of Tyler. She is employed by State Farm Insurance Company.

Patricia Ann Smith and **James Emmitt Dews** of Tyler. She is a salesperson at JC Penney Company and he is a truck driver for Dennard Supply Company.

Jeff Hide of Wills Point and **Teri Knowles** of Pantego. He is a farmer and rancher and she is a teacher. They reside in Wills Point.

Tina Wren Thigpen of Gresham and **James Edward Bynum** of Overton. She is employed by Taylor Carden School and he is associate editor of *Overton Press*.

Ruth Warren and **Marcus McGill** of Tyler. She is employed in the trust department of First City National Bank and he is a hair designer.

Barbara Ann Moore of Big Sandy and **John M. Quezanda** of Winona. She is employed as a cashier and he is employed by Holly Lake Ranch. They reside in Big Sandy.

Vicki Diane Bell of Tyler and **James E. King** of Edom. Both are employed by Brookshire Grocery Company.

Cary Johnson and **Cindy Duncan** of

Lindale. He is with the U.S. Air Force.

Joe Dick Smith and **Bernice Sue Slabaugh** of Tyler. He is owner of Joco Backhoe and Pilco Marine Construction and she is employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

Holly Dawn Pritchett of Callendar Lake and **Michael Edward Smith** of Van. She attends the University of Texas at Tyler and he is manager of Al's Television Center in Mineola.

Dee Ann Rucker of Hawkins and **Ronald Charles Yauch** of Longview. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed as a first grade teacher by Big Sandy Independent School District and he is a production foreman for J.W. Operating Company.

Bruce Allen Braymer and **Susan Jean Wilkins** of Austin. He is a collections teller with Capital City Savings and she is an operations supervisor with State Farm Insurance Company.

Diane Blaylock and **Gene Cross** of Detroit, MI. She is employed by General Motors as a reliability engineer and he is a manufacturing supervisor for General Motors.

Dianne Marie Jones and **Donald Scott Connery** of Tyler. She is employed by Girling Health Care as a primary home care coordinator.

James Paul Wilson and **Lisa Marie Davis** of Austin. He is employed by Morris Williams Golf Course and she is a teacher with the Austin Independent School District.

Frances Lou Butler and **Marcus DeWayne Campbell** of Tyler. She is a quality controller for American Recreation and he is a formal dining room attendant at Willow Brook Country Club.

Altheria Germaine Walker of Tyler and **James Leonard Sampson** of Maywood, IL. She is a secretary with Golden State Mutual Insurance Company and he is a car salesman for East Texas Dodge.

Tim Ludolph and **Deanna Wright** of Arlington.

Deaths

Forest E. Griffin of Martins Mill died in July after a lengthy illness. He was retired dean of Pirtle Technology Center at Tyler Junior College and the developer

of the two-year-associate degree program in technical education at TJC.

Mrs. Felder Cullum of Tyler died in July. She is survived by her husband former TJC instructor Felder Cullum.

Felix Edward "Ed" Leach of Longview died July 6 after a lengthy illness. He was former editor-in-chief of the *Longview Daily News* and *Longview Morning Journal*.

Fred R. Johns '86 died July 31 after a long illness. At 81 years, he was the oldest graduate in TJC history.



Apache Belle Alumni will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 15. Time and place to be announced in the Apache Belle Alumni Newsletter.

For more information call Athena Russell at 214/597-1536 or send name and address to:

Apache Belle Alumni
Tyler Junior College
P. O. Box 9020
Tyler, TX 75711

Apache Cheerleader Alumni will hold their annual meeting and dinner on Saturday, Nov. 15 following the Homecoming football game. Time and place to be announced.

For more information call Emma Lou Prater at 214/531-2259 or send name and address to:

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Apache Band alumni will hold a reunion on Saturday, Nov. 15. For more information contact: Debbie Potts Spradlin, 214/592-2787; Nita Pinkerton Cates, 214/595-3538; Glen Austin, 214/566-9722; or send name and address to Band Reunion, Tyler Junior College, P. O. Box 9020, Tyler, Texas 75711.

TJC alumnus receives medical school's highest award



Memories of his participation in the Apache Band, chemistry courses and student government are activities alumnus Rayford Scott Jones, M.D. says he benefited from while attending TJC.

Although only an average student at Tyler High School, Jones graduated from TJC in 1956 with a 3.95 GPA. The honor student, now currently a Stephen H. Watts Professor and chairman of surgery at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA, has been awarded the Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumnus Award by the School of Medicine of the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston.

This is the highest alumni honor bestowed by UTMB. The award recognizes outstanding service to the medical profession and to mankind. It is given in memory of Ashbel Smith, M.D., a prominent figure in early Texas politics, medicine and education.

"It (the award) came as quiet a surprise to me," Jones said. "I'm not even sure I had an awareness there was such an award."

During his career at TJC, Jones became involved in a variety of College activities. He served as Student Council vice president and band officer his sophomore year. Jones, author of numerous articles, textbook chapters and professional papers was chosen as school favorite in 1956 and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

"It (his attendance at TJC) was really an excellent experience because of the faculty support," Jones said. "I found the environment a very wholesome one from the teacher-learner aspect. It was the best environment I could have been in."

The Tyler native says the quality of instruction he received at TJC in the field of science, from the late J.C. Henderson, prepared him for further courses at the University of Texas at Austin and medical school. At the end of his freshman year at TJC, Jones was presented the Handbook of Chemistry to honor his achievement in this area.

"Chemistry and biology courses at TJC provided an excellent background in the sciences," Jones said.

"For me personally, going to Tyler Junior College was excellent." He explained that attending TJC gave him a chance to bring his education to the level needed to succeed in a university.

"There were good resources and good teachers. I capitalized on the resources available."

After junior college, Jones received a bachelor's degree from UT Austin in 1958. He then attended UTMB and received a doctor of medicine degree in 1961.

Following the pattern of involvement and achievement began at TJC, Jones continued to receive honors during the remainder of his education. Student honors he received at UTMB include the Society of Sigma XI, Alpha Omega Alpha, the Joseph B. Kass Award for

Research and the Singleton Surgical Award.

After graduation, he served a surgical internship at UTMB. The doctor then completed his surgical residency at the University of Pennsylvania hospital in 1967. Since then he has held positions in the Department of Physiology at the UP School of Medicine, Harrison Department of Surgical Research at UP, The University of California at Los Angeles, the University of California at San Francisco, Duke University and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham.

Upon receiving the recent alumni honor from UTMB, Jones was required to attend the school's graduation ceremonies.

"This was the same process 25 years later," he said. "It was quite an emotional experience." He explained that participating in graduation allowed him to renew old acquaintances and described the event as "real pleasing, nostalgic."

The grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.R. McMillan of Tyler, Jones was married to Carol Elaine Benson in 1958. The couple have three children.



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Your membership provides you with access to College events and facilities, an awareness of what is happening at Tyler Junior College, timely communication with the College and former students through the *Apache*, renewed comradery of fellow alumni, and the knowledge that you are assisting present and future students.

In turn, your membership provides scholarships for future generations of students, recognition of outstanding present and former students and instructors through presentation of awards, plaques, receptions and scholarships, and makes many of our annual Homecoming events possible.

REGULAR

A Regular Membership is available to those who have attended Tyler Junior College as part-time or full-time students. Graduation from TJC is not a prerequisite. Benefits include:

- TJC Alumni identification card
- Four issues a year of the *Apache* magazine
- Free admission to three Homecoming events: Campus Capers, Barbecue Dinner and football game
- Eligibility to hold an elected office and serve on the Alumni Board
- Make nominations for alumni awards
- Receive announcements concerning Homecoming class reunions and other College events

ASSOCIATE

An Associate Membership is available to all interested persons, whether having attended TJC or not. Benefits include:

- TJC Alumni identification card
- Four issues a year of the *Apache* magazine
- Free admission to three Homecoming events: Campus Capers, Barbecue Dinner and football game

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Individual	\$100.00
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